

CULTURE BOWL

University of Memphis Language Fair 2026

i TEAM COMPETITION

- Only one team per school may participate.
- Teams may consist of up to five (5) members, although only three (3) team members may compete in each round, including the Preliminary Round.
- The individual team members from a school may be switched out between rounds.
- Foreign language students, native/heritage speakers, and speakers of cognate languages are welcome to participate in this event.

i PRELIMINARY ROUND (INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION AND TEAM QUALIFICATION)

- Only three (3) team members from each school may participate in the Preliminary Round.
- The Culture Bowl preliminary round determines the **Individual Culture Bowl** winners and which teams advance to the buzzer rounds.
- Students will complete a written test of 50 questions on topics such as language, culture, history, and geography. Thirty minutes is allotted for this round. The participants with the top three scores are the individual prize winners.
- In the event of a tie, there is a tiebreaker question on the test.
- The top two individual scores for each school will be combined to calculate the school score. The top **four** schools qualify for the **Culture Bowl Semi-Finals**.

i TEAM PLAYOFF ROUNDS

- If there are six or more entrants, the top four schools qualify for the **Semi-Finals**. If there are fewer than six teams entered, the top two schools alone automatically qualify for the **Final**. If there are two semi-finals, semi-final one will include teams placing 1st and 4th in the qualification round, and semi-final two will include teams placing 2nd and 3rd in the qualification round. The winners of the two semi-final rounds advance to the final.
- Using buzzers to respond, teams will be asked questions covering topics such as world geography, history, culture, and customs, in matches lasting 15 minutes. Detailed rules will be provided prior to each match.